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SUBJ: ALLMAND DIRECTIVE ON NEED FOR STATE DEPT APPROVAL OF
CANADIAN POLICE INVESTIGATION IN US

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIRECTIVE SENT LAST SEPTEMBER BY SOLICITOR GENERAL WARREN ALLMAND TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, COMPLETE TEST OBTAINED BY EMBASSY LEGATT OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY RELEASED BY GOC, ALTHOUGH MAJOR PORTIONS APPEARED IN TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE (SEE REF B).

2. BEGIN QUOTE: CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN CANADA IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INTERNATIONAL IN CHARACTER. THERE HAS BEEN A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS WHICH ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY CANADIAN ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A NEED TO FORMULATE GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN THE DESIRED ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS TO ENSURE THAT CANADIAN INVESTIGATORS WILL BE ABLE TO CONDUCT ENQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES IN A MANNER NOT PREJUDICIAL TO CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY.

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3. THE U.S.A. HAS LEGISLATION GOVERNING FOREIGN AGENTS

CONDUCTING OFFICIAL ENQUIRIES IN THEIR COUNTRY. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION.

U.S. TITLE 18, SECTION 951 STATES:

"WHOEVER, OTHER THAN A DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR OFFICER OR ATTACHE ACTS IN THE UNITED STATES AS AS AGENT OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN 5,000 OF IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS OR BOTH".

4. NOTIFICATION OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS MANDATORY IN ALL CASES WHEN A CANADIAN INVESTIGATOR PROCEEDS TO THE U.S. ON AN OFFICIAL OPERATIONAL MATTER. DIRECT LIAISON WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO ENTER THE U.S.A.

5. THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE HAS A LIAISON OFFICER STATIONED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SHOULD A POLICE FORCE IN CANADA WISH TO SEND PERSONNEL INTO THE U.S.A. ON AN OFFICIAL CASE, I HAVE INSTRUCTED ALL ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE OFFICERS TO CO-OPERATE IN SEEKING AUTHORITY ON THEIR BEHALF.

6. WE, OF COURSE, RECIPROCATATE WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND THERE ARE DAILY OCCURANCES WHEN AGENTS OF AMERICAN ENFORCEMENT BODIES CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS IN CANADA. AS THE NUMBER OF THESE INCREASES IT BECOMES ESSENTIAL THAT A METHOD OF CONTROL BE ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INVESTIGATIONS ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF CANADIAN SOCIETY. TO THIS END, I HAVE INSTRUCTED THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE RECEIVE ALL REQUESTS FOR U.S. ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL TO ENTER CANADA, AND HE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, TO PERMIT OR REFUSE SUCH REQUESTS.

7. VISITS TO EITHER COUNTRY BY POLICE OR ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ROUTINE LIAISON FUNCTIONAL OFFICIAL USE

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CTIONS, EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE OR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS WILL NOT REQUIRE THE ABOVE NOTED FORMS OF NOTIFICATION.

8. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, NOT TO IMPEDE OR HINDER CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, BUT TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INVESTIGATIONS ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF CANADIAN SOCIETY. I SOLICIT

YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER, AND WITH SUCH, I
FEEL THAT THIS POLICY WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE
CALUBRE OF INVESTIGATION WE HAVE COME TO ANTICIPATE.
YOURS VERY TRULY, WARREN ALLMAND, SOLICITOR GENERAL OF
CANADA. END QUOTE.
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